

Serial No.: 10/735,526
Amdt. dated 07 September 2006
Reply to Office Action of 05 July 2006

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending in the application. The Office Action of July 5, 2006 included a restriction requirement between claims drawn to three groups: Group I, including claims 1-8, and 15-24; Group II, including claims 9-14; and Group III, including claims 25-35. By the present amendment, claims 9-14, and 25-35 have been withdrawn, however, Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional or continuation application directed to the subject matter of these withdrawn claims.

Election

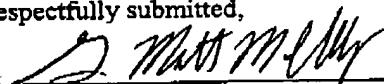
In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-8, and 15-24.

Applicants traverse the Examiner's argument for restriction and respectfully submit that claim Groups I and II are related by, e.g., operation and/or effect, contrary to the Examiner's statement in paragraph 5 of the Office Action. Specifically, Applicants point out that a bodily process as recited in claim 1, i.e., a method of managing a bodily process that utilizes S-adenosylmethionine (SAM)" can be directed to managing a bodily process that is disease associated, and therefore related to the claims of Group II, i.e., claims to methods "of treating or preventing a condition or disease involving a bodily process that utilizes S-adenosylmethionine (SAM)." Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement between claim Groups I and II.

Please charge any fees which may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-1133. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any aspect of this application or this response.

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Respectfully submitted,



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